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SUBJECT: IVP GRANT TO NACHO PAPAZOV

REF: SOFIA 482 (PARA 8B)

1. NACHO PAPAZOV SEEMS AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR AN
IVP GRANT; AND EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO PURSUE THE OFFER
OF SUCH A VISIT WITH HIM, FOLLOWING UP ON THE SOUNDING-
OUT ON THAT SUBJECT WHICH WAS DONE BY AMBASSADOR HERZ
WHEN HE SAW PAPAZOV SOME MONTHS AGO.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME WHEN THE CULTURAL/
SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE, AND OF
COURSE A NUMBER OF STEPS STILL NEED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE IT
IS COMPLETED (IN ADDITION TO FINAL BULGARIAN APPROVAL,
THERE WILL BE NEED TO COMPARE ENGLISH AND BULGARIAN
LANGUAGE TEXTS, ETC.); BUT WE ARE NOT IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED
TO PAPAZOV SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WHILE HE IS HERE
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PROVIDED THAT THIS IS WHAT THE BULGARIANS PREFER AND THAT

TIMING OF HIS VISIT PERMITS IT. (YOU SHOULD NOT DISCUSS HIS SIGNING AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME.)

3. DURING AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH PAPAZOV, IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF IVP GRANT WOULD BE TO ENABLE PAPAZOV TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL SCENE AND TO PURSUE SUCH MATTERS AS EXCHANGES WITH HIS COUNTER-PARTS IN THIS COUNTRY. HE UNDERSTANDS, WE BELIEVE, THAT THE CEREMONIAL ASPECTS OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE PERHAPS LESS IMPRESSIVE THAN THOSE THAT HAVE ATTENDED HIS VISIT TO OTHER COUNTRIES; BUT THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR AND IN ANY CASE, ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE THAT HIS STATUS IS THAT OF A FULL CABINET MEMBER, HIS VISIT WOULD BE PRINCIPALLY FOR STUDY AND ORIENTATION PURPOSES AND THUS NOT COMPARABLE, FOR INSTANCE, WITH THE VISIT OF VICE PREMIER POPOV WHO CAME HERE AT THE PERSONAL INVITATION OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF A PAPAZOV VISIT SOMETIME IN THE MONTHS TO COME. AMBASSADOR WOULD THEN TENDER A FORMAL INVITATION TO HIM WHEN HE RETURNS TO SOFIA. BY THAT TIME IT SHOULD BE CLEAR FROM YOUR EXPLORATIONS WHETHER THE AGREEMENT IS BETTER SIGNED IN WASHINGTON OR IN SOFIA.

5. FYI: AMBASSADOR HERZ HAS CONCURRED IN THIS MESSAGE.
ROBINSON

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